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General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Interactive dialogue on Harmony with Nature[1]

Opening

10:00 — Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Panel discussion: "Discussions on different economic approaches, to further a more ethical basis for the relationship between humanity and the Earth"

10:30 — Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Moderator:

Mr. Andrew C. Revkin, Environmental Journalist, *The New York Times*, and Senior Fellow at Pace Academy for Applied Environmental Studies, Pace University, New York

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[1] Letters from the Office of the President of the General Assembly, dated 14 March and 12 April 2013, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. To consult the updated programme for the interactive dialogue please *click here*.

Security Council

10:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultationss Room GA-TSC-02

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Other matters

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Interactive exchange

11:30 Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Closing

12:45 Conference Room 3 (NLB)

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

There will be a briefing on *Monday, 22 April 2013*, at 15:00, in the General Assembly Hall, by the Special Envoys of Indonesia, Liberia and the United Kingdom, on the outcome of the Bali meeting held by the High-level Panel of Eminent Persons to advise the Secretary-General on the post-2015 development goals. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 April 2013, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Member States are invited to attend *at the ambassadorial level*.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

An informal informal meeting of the plenary to define the format and organizational aspects of the high-level political forum on sustainable development will be held on Tuesday, 23 April 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB). A letter from the co-facilitators, dated 18 April 2013, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, in the Security Council Chamber Room GA-TSC-01, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

A thematic debate entitled "Peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa" will be held on Thursday, 25 April 2013, at 10:00 and 15:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 26 February 2013, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly

Committee on Information
Thirty-fifth session

10:00 to 13:00 — 1st meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 2 (NLB)

Opening of the session [item 1]

Election of officers [item 2]

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work (A/AC.198/2013/1) [item 3]

Admission of new members [item 4]

Statement by the Chair [item 5]

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information [item 6]

General debate [item 7]

Consideration of reports submitted by the Secretary-General [item 8]

[An interactive dialogue between the Department of Public Information and the delegations attending the thirty-fifth session of the Committee on Information will take place on *Monday, 22 April 2013*, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).]

[Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers for the general debate should contact the secretariat of the Committee (e-mail ferdous@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6555). The list will be closed on *Monday, 22 April 2013*, at 18:00. Delegations that have not yet sent in their credentials should provide them to the secretariat, either by e-mail (ferdous@un.org) or by fax 1 (212) 963-0077.]

[T thirty-fifth session of the Committee on Information will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages. Delegations and participants on the list of speakers are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to PaperSmart@un.org, as soon as available, and at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which it will be available to the public on the portal.]

Ad Hoc Working Group of the Whole of the Regular Process for Global Reporting and Assessment of the State of the Marine Environment, including Socioeconomic Aspects
Fourth meeting

10:00 to 13:00 — Open meeting — Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Opening of the meeting [item 1]

Adoption of the agenda [item 2]

Organization of work [item 3]

Report of the Bureau of the Regular Process [item 4]

Workshops in support of the first phase of the first cycle of the Regular Process [item 5]

15:00 to 18:00 — Open meeting — Conference Room 1 (NLB)

Process of preparing the first global integrated marine assessment of the Regular Process, including the status of the appointments to the Pool of Experts [item 6]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10 (NLB)
	Executive meeting	

Economic and Social Council

Special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

9:30 Economic and Social Council Chamber

Special ceremony: Inauguration of the renovated Economic and Social Council Chamber [webcast]

Remarks by:

President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia)

Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon

Minister for International Development Cooperation of Sweden, Her Excellency Gunilla Carlsson

10:00 to 13:00 6th meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Overall theme: "Coherence, coordination and cooperation in the context of financing for development for sustainable development and the post-2015 development agenda" (E/2013/52)

1. Opening remarks by the President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia)
2. Opening address by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Jan Eliasson
3. High-level panel discussion on theme 1:

   "World economic situation and prospects in the wake of the world financial and economic crisis" (E/2013/52)

   Interactive discussion
4. Keynote address by the Special Envoy and Representative on Millennium Development Goals and Financial Development, World Bank Group, Mr. Mahmoud Mohieldin, on "Introduction to the post-2015 development agenda from the World Bank perspective, with a special focus on financing for development"
5. Statements by intergovernmental representatives of institutional stakeholders:

   His Excellency Mukhtar Tileuberdi (Kazakhstan), President, Trade and Development Board, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

   Mr. Jorge Familiar Calderón, Vice-President and Corporate Secretary, World Bank Group, and Acting Executive Secretary, International Monetary Fund/World Bank Development Committee

Ms. Patricia Alonso-Gamo, Deputy Secretary, International Monetary Fund (IMF), and Acting Secretary, International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC)

Mr. Shishir Priyadarshi, Director, Development Division, World Trade Organisation (WTO)

15:00 to 18:00 7th meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Thematic debate of the whole on theme 2 (from 15:00 to 16:30)

"Financing for sustainable development, including through leveraging private capital, in the context of the follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20 to 22 June 2012" (E/2013/52)

Presentations by:

Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Mr. James Zhan, Director, Division on Investment and Enterprise, UNCTAD

Mr. Chris Lane, Division Chief for Low Income Countries, Strategy, Policy and Review Department, IMF

Interactive discussion

2. Thematic debate of the whole on theme 3 (from 16:30 to 17:50)

"Global partnership for development in the context of post-2015 development agenda"

Presentations by:

Mr. Jos Verbeek, Lead Economist, World Bank

Mr. Richard Kozul-Wright, Officer-in-Charge, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD

Mr. Shishir Priyardarshi, Director, Development Division, WTO

Interactive discussion

3. Closing of the special high-level meeting (from 17:50 to 18:00)

Concluding remarks by:

His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), President of the Economic and Social

[To consult the provisional list of participants of the special high-level meeting, please *click here*. Delegations are requested to review the list and send any modifications or additions to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org).]

[For further information relating to the high-level meeting, please *click here*.]

Commission on Population and Development
Forty-sixth session

10:30 to 13:00 2nd meeting [webcast] Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Introductory statements:

Secretary-General of the United Nations

Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)

Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development

2. Election of officers [item 1]

3. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/CN.9/2013/1 and E/CN.9/2012/L.1) [item 2]

   Report of the Bureau of the Commission on Population and Development on its intersessional meetings (E/CN.9/2013/2)

4. Actions in follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/2013/3, E/CN.9/2013/4 and E/CN.9/2013/5) [item 3]

   General discussion

   Keynote statement by Professor Graeme Hugo, University of Adelaide (Australia), on "New trends in migration"

15:00 to 18:00 — 3rd meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4 (NLB)

1. Actions in follow-up to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/2013/3, E/CN.9/2013/4 and E/CN.9/2013/5) [item 3]

   Moderated interactive discussion with the participation of selected representatives of migrants

   General discussion

2. General debate on national experience in population matters: new trends in migration — demographic aspects (E/CN.9/2013/NGO/1, E/CN.9/2013/NGO/2, E/CN.9/2013/NGO/3, E/CN.9/2013/NGO/4, E/CN.9/2013/NGO/5, E/CN.9/2013/NGO/6, E/CN.9/2013/NGO/7 and E/CN.9/2013/NGO/8) [item 4]

   General discussion

[Informal consultations (closed) on the draft proposals of the Commission on Population and Development, convened by the Vice-Chair, Mr. Eduardo Jose Atienza De Vega (Philippines), on behalf of the Chair, will be held on *Monday, 22 April 2013*, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).]

[The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the Commission will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all official languages. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3505)). In accordance with the practice at recent sessions of the Commission, the suggested time limit for national statements is *seven minutes*, while that for statements on behalf of groups of States is *ten minutes*. Delegations are requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org, as soon as available, and at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.]

[Members of the Commission and observers are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Emer Herity (e-mail herity@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.]

[The list of side events on the occasion of the session can be consulted by *clicking here*.]

Informal consultations on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/67/251 and A/67/252. The meetings under this header are closed.*

Monday, 22 April 2013

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan)

With the co-sponsors of General Assembly resolution 63/210 (A/RES/63/210):

From 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

Other meetings

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Monday, 22 April 2013

Group of 77 (on the Commission on Population and Development)

11:00 to 15:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 7 (NLB)

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (briefing by Qatar)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room A (CB)

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (monthly meeting) (at the ambassadorial level)

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 3 (NLB)

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 22 April 2013

Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

12:30 Her Excellency Maria Belén Moncayo, Minister of Coordination of Heritage of Ecuador; and His Excellency Luis Arce, Minister of Economy and Public Finance of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (on the occasion of International Mother Earth Day) [sponsored by the Permanent Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia]

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252* for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1.

The following agenda items remain for consideration during the sixty-seventh session, apart from organizational matters and items that may have to be considered by operation of the rules of procedure of the Assembly: items 9, 11, 13 to 15, 20 (a) and (h), 30, 31, 33 to 37, 39, 40, 42 to 48, 54, 56, 60, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a) to (c), 74, 94 (b), 106, 107, 110 (a) and (b), 111 (f) and (h), 112, 113, 115 to 117, 118 (a) and (b), 119, 120, 121 (a), (b), (g), (i), (p), (q), (r), (s) and (v), 122, 124 to 126, 128 (a) to (r), 129 to 157, 158 (a) and (b), and 159 to 164.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January–16 September 2013). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled. For inscription on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (room S-3082). A tentative schedule of General Assembly meetings is also available at the following address: www.un.org/en/ga/info/meetings/67schedule.shtml.

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
Open briefing

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, His Excellency Mohammed Loulichki (Morocco), and the Executive Director of the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), Mr. Mike Smith, will hold a briefing to interested Member States on the Committee's revised documents and procedures for assessing Member States' implementation efforts of Security Council resolutions 1373 (2001) and 1624 (2005). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 2 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

General Assembly

Committee on Conferences
Organizational session for 2013

The organizational session for 2013 of the Committee on Conferences will be held on Monday, 29 April 2013, at 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB), to elect the Bureau for 2013 and to adopt the annotated provisional agenda, contained in document A/AC.172/2013/L.1. For all relevant documents of the Committee please *click here.*

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, and amended in paragraph 10 of A/56/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers in the organizational session are invited to send a request in writing to Ms. Liya Zhang, Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (e-mail zhangl@un.org).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 261st meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Tuesday, 30 April 2013, at 11:00, in Conference Room 4 (NLB). Delegations of Member States and observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha (e-mail sinha1@un.org; room M-13052; fax 1 (212) 963-6430). The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-third session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-third session at Headquarters from Monday, 3, to Friday, 21 June 2013.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly, *no later than Friday, 17 May 2013*. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 64/248. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board
Informal consultation

The Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women will hold an informal consultation on the progress made on the strategic plan, on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room D (CB).

Economic and Social Council

Special meeting on "External debt sustainability and development: Lessons learned from debt crises and ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms"

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/198 (A/RES/67/198), the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), will convene a one-day meeting of the Council on "External debt sustainability and development" to consider lessons learned from the debt crises and the ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Opening remarks will be made by Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and Ms. Shamshad Akhtar, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, to be followed by two consecutive interactive panel discussions on "Lessons learned from the history of debt crises" and "Ongoing work on sovereign debt restructuring and debt resolution mechanisms". In the afternoon, a

keynote address will be delivered by Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University, recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 2001, on "Gaps in legal and institutional structures for debt restructuring", to be followed an interactive panel discussion on "The architecture for debt restructuring". Closing remarks by the President of the Council will conclude the meeting.

Members and observers of the Economic and Social Council and representatives of intergovernmental organizations are requested to provide, *in writing*, as soon as possible, the composition of their delegation, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; room S-1291)), with a copy to the Financing for Development Office (Ms. Jie Wei (e-mail weij@un.org; room DC2-2160D)).

It is emphasized that the nature of the meeting, including the three panel discussions, will be held in the form of free-flowing and interactive dialogues and would therefore have *no list of speakers in advance*. The time limit for each intervention will be *three minutes*.

For more information please contact Ms. Benu Schneider (e-mail schneiderb@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5439); or *click here*.

Special policy dialogue on "The role of philanthropic organizations in the post-2015 setting"

On Tuesday, 23 April 2013, the Economic and Social Council will hold an informal special policy dialogue on "The role of philanthropic organizations in the post-2015 setting", in preparation for the biennial Development Cooperation Forum (DCF) during the 2014 substantive session of the Council. The special policy dialogue will take place from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:30, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

There will be three interactive panel discussions, moderated by Mr. Matthew Bishop, US Business Editor and Chief, New York Bureau of *The Economist*. The first panel discussion (from 10:15 to 11:30) will focus on the topic "Taking stock and leveraging experiences of philanthropic organizations to address global development challenges". The second panel (from 11:30 to 13:00) will explore "Innovations in philanthropy: How to scale them up and contribute to national development priorities?". The third panel discussion (from 15:00 to 17:15) will address the role of "Philanthropic organizations and development partnerships post-2015". Speakers will include senior representatives of leading private philanthropic organizations, think tanks and other stakeholders. For detailed background information, please *click here*.

All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination (Ms. Doris Schmitz-Meiners (e-mail schmitz-meiners@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4946); or Mr. Thomas Boehler; (e-mail boehler@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9452)).

Informal special event on "Partnering for innovative solutions for sustainable development"

A special event of the Economic and Social Council on "Partnering for innovative solutions for sustainable development" will be held on Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber, as well as in Conference Rooms 3, 5 and 6 (NLB) from 15:00 to 17:00*. The meeting is organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Office for Partnerships (UNOP) and the Global Partnerships Forum.

The Partnerships Forum will be chaired by the President of the Council, His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia). The Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon, and the Chair of the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Dr. Mo Ibrahim, will deliver opening addresses. Following the opening, two consecutive policy dialogues will take place, which will be moderated by Mr. Ali Velshi, Host, Al Jazeera America. The first policy dialogue will focus on "Partnerships for sustainability" (from 10:30 to 11:45, in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber*) and the second policy dialogue will focus on "The changing face of technology and innovation" (from 11:45 to 13:00, in the *Economic and Social Council Chamber*). The Minister of Development Cooperation of Denmark, His Excellency Christian Friis Bach, will participate as a speaker in the first dialogue.

From 15:00 to *17:00*, four "Partnerships Clinics" will be held in parallel, as follows:

Clinic 1: "Innovative partnerships to address research and treatments for neglected tropical diseases (NTDs)" *(Economic and Social Council Chamber)*;

Clinic 2: "Mobiles for midwives: An innovative approach for better health information systems" *(Conference Room 6 (NLB))*;

Clinic 3: "Innovation and technology: Development and dissemination of innovative design solutions to address extreme poverty" *(Conference Room 5 (NLB))*; and

Clinic 4: "Breaking barriers: Innovative partnerships creating exponential change in access to quality learning" *(Conference Room 3 (NLB))*.

The closing session will feature addresses by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs; and His Excellency Néstor Osorio (Colombia), President of the Council, and will be held from 17:30 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

All are invited to attend. For additional information on the event, please *click here*; or contact Mr. Ajit Yogasundram (e-mail yogasundram@un.org). Please note that it will be possible to join the discussion on the day of the event on Twitter, using hashtag #InnovateYourFuture.

Resumed organizational session for 2013

The Economic and Social Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies on Thursday, 25, and Friday, 26 April 2013. The agenda for the session is contained in document E/2013/2/Add.1.

Delegations wishing to propose candidates for election are kindly reminded to address their correspondence to the ECOSOC Affairs Branch, with a copy to Ms. Radhika Ochalik (e-mail ochalik@un.org) and Ms. Celia Syyap (e-mail syyap@un.org).

The Chairs of the regional groups for the current month are kindly invited to inform the Secretariat of candidatures which may be forthcoming from their groups. A list of candidates for the election, as well as supporting documentation, can be consulted on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-third session
Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-third session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 25 April 2013, at 15:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB), for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2013/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2013/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2013/L.2).

Further information on the Committee for Programme and Coordination is available at www.un.org/en/ga/cpc/.

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services
Informal consultations

The Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services will hold informal consultations, as indicated below. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Tuesday, 30 April 2013, from 11:00 to 12:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the UNDP country programme document for Egypt;

Tuesday, 21 May 2013, from 15:00 to 16:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the UNDP evaluation of the strategic plan 2008-2013; and management response;

Friday, 24 May 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): on the UNDP evaluation of the annual report on evaluation and management response;

Tuesday, 28 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Chamber (NLB): on the UNDP evaluation of the global programme and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Africa and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Arab States and the management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Asia and the Pacific States and management response; the evaluation of the regional programme for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States and the management

response; and the evaluation of the regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean States and the management response; and

Wednesday, 29 May 2013, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB): on the evaluation of the UNDP contribution to South-South and triangular cooperation (2008-2011) and management response.

Forthcoming informal consultations on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/67/251 and A/67/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Sanitation for all" (under agenda item 14) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Singapore)

Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, at the Permanent Mission of Singapore (231 East 51st Street).

Informal consultations with all Member States on the draft resolution entitled "Reliable and stable transit of energy and its role in ensuring sustainable development and international cooperation" (under agenda item 20) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan)

Thursday, 25 April 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C (CB); and

Tuesday, 30 April 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room C (CB).

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Multilingualism" (under agenda item 120) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Senegal)

Friday, 26 April 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Forthcoming other meetings

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International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties (omnibus resolution)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

International Criminal Court: Assembly of States Parties

Thursday, 25 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

International Criminal Court: Bureau of the Assembly of States Parties

Friday, 26 April 2013, from 08:45 to 09:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Consultations with regional groups (on the 2013 report of the Secretary-General on the responsibility to protect) (co-organized by the Chairs of the regional groups, the Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect and the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 12:00 to 14:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB): with the Western European and Other States Group; and

Friday, 26 April 2013, from 10:45 to 13:00, in Conference Room A (CB): with the Eastern European Group.

Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Arab Group (at the expert level)

Thursday, 25 April 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

Eastern European Group (at the expert level)

Friday, 26 April 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Monday, 29 April 2013, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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UNITAR orientation course for new members of permanent missions on the work of the United Nations

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room A (CB); and

Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Training for delegates from least developed countries on the use of the new Support Measures Portal for Least Developed Countries (www.un.org/ldcportal) (organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room S-2723 (Secretariat Building).

[All delegates from least developed countries invited to attend and kindly requested to bring their own laptop (if possible) to allow for interactive training activities. For further information, please contact Ms. Katherine McHenry, DESA (e-mail mchenry@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-6430).]

Round table on "Strengthening partnerships and cooperation on international migration, mechanisms to effectively integrate migration into development policies, and promote coherence at all levels" (in preparation for the 2013 High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development) (co-organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), in collaboration with the Permanent Missions of South Africa and Sweden)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Evelien Borgman, IOM (e-mail eborgman@iom.int); or *click here*.]

Launch of the *Economic Report on Africa 2013* (co-organized by the Office of the Permanent Observer of the African Union to the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Department of Public Information (DPI) and the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA))

Tuesday, 23 April 2013, from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. François Charlier, OSAA (e-mail charlier@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0359).]

Experts meeting on "Rights in crisis" — Promoting human rights in financial regulation and macroeconomic policies" (organized by the Office of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)

Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 7 (NLB); and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Nouhoum Sangare, OHCHR (e-mail sangaren@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6136).]

Special event — "A tribute to Oscar Niemeyer and the United Nations Board of Design" (co-organized by the Office of the President of the General Assembly and the Permanent Mission of Brazil, with the support of the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 17:00 to 18:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Jayashri Wyatt, DPI (e-mail wyatt@un.org).]

Special event on the occasion of the International Jazz Day (30 April) — Jazz: A language for peace (a concert by the Brubeck Institute Jazz Quintet) (organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in collaboration with the Brubeck Institute at the University of the Pacific)

Wednesday, 24 April 2013, from 18:30 to 20:00, in Conference Room 2 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jayashri Wyatt, DPI (e-mail wyatt@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3911). For registration, please send an e-mail to committeeoninformation@un.org.]

Briefing for Member States and Permanent Observers on "Activities of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF)" (at the ambassadorial level) (organized by CTITF, Department of Political Affairs)

Friday, 26 April 2013, from 10:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room 3 (NLB).

[For further information, please contact Ms. Mary Anne Cruz, CTITF (e-mail cruz14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0541).]

Briefing for Member States and Permanent Observers on "The Secretary-General's Five-year Action Agenda, pursuant to resolution 51/1 of the Commission for Social Development, entitled 'Policies and programmes involving youth'" (co-organized by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Volunteers prgoramme (UNV) and the Office of the Secretary-General on Youth)

Monday, 29 April 2013, from 10:00 to 12:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Anke Green, DESA (e-mail green@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-9650).]

UNITAR/OLA seminar on "Repression of piracy on the oceans and seas: An international legal framework" (co-organized by the UNITAR New York Office and the Division for Ocean Affairs and Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs (OLA))

Monday, 29 April 2013, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room A (CB).

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited to attend. For registration, please *click here*. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org).]

Briefing on "The present and future of renewable energy" (by the secretariat of the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the Twenty-First Century (REN21)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP))

Monday, 29 April 2013, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 6 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Mr. Andreas Pfaffernoschke, Permanent Mission of Germany (e-mail wi-4-1-vn@newy.diplo.de; or Mr. Jim Sniffen, UNEP (e-mail sniffenj@un.org).]

High-level event on "Human security" (organized by the Human Security Unit, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and co-sponsored by the Member States of the Human Security Network (Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, Norway, Panama, Slovenia, Switzerland and Thailand, with South Africa as an observer) and the Permanent Missions of Honduras, Japan and Mexico)

Wednesday, 8 May 2013, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[Addresses will be made by the Secretary-General and the Deputy Secretary-General, and a panel discussion will be held on the implementation of human security. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Guyatri James, Human Security Unit (e-mail jamesg@un.org); or *click here*.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
Second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons will be held from *Monday, 22 April*, to Friday, 3 May 2013, in the General Assembly Hall, in the Palais des Nations, Geneva.

The list of speakers for the general debate is open. States parties wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat of the Preparatory Committee (Mr. Hong Tan, Office for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-7062; Room S-3135; fax 1 (917) 367-1767)).

States parties are kindly requested to provide information, *in writing*, as soon as possible, indicating the composition of their delegations to the session. The information should be sent to the Secretary of the Preparatory Committee, Mr. Valère Mantels, Office for Disarmament Affairs (Room S-3132, United Nations, New York, N.Y. 10017). To facilitate the preparation and early distribution of the list of participants, it is also kindly requested that the composition of the delegations be made available in electronic format (Microsoft Word or compatible format) by e-mail to Ms. Bertha Ortiz (ortizl@un.org), as soon as possible.

Participants are requested to complete and send the registration form online (*click here*) or, alternatively, to complete the registration form annexed to the Information Note (annex I), which may be photocopied, and return it, as soon as possible to Ms. Junko Hirakawa, preferably by e-mail (hirakawa@un.org).

The session will be PaperSmart. The official documentation of the Second session will be available electronically either via the PaperSmart Portal or via the ODA related webpage.

There will be limited circulation of hard copies of documents. Delegations are requested to send electronic copies of their statements to papersmart3@un.org, at least two hours prior to their speaking slot. The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart Portal upon delivery. The secretariat kindly requests delegations to provide *only 25 hard copies* of official statements for the technical services.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically. QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Further information for participants, including the submission of pre-session documentation, is contained in the Information Note, and is also available on the website of the second session of the Preparatory Committee (*click here*).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in room DC2-1142 (unless otherwise indicated), in English (French and Spanish), on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*); or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

News e-resources for the United Nations community (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 23 April 2013.

Introduction to United Nations documents

Wednesday, 24 April 2013 (from 10:00 to 12:00) (*in French*);

Wednesday, 8 May 2013 (from 14:00 to 16:00) (*in English*);

Wednesday, 15 May 2013 (from 14:00 to 16:00) (*in Spanish*); and

Tuesday, 28 May 2013 (from 10:00 to 12:00) (*in English*).

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 25 April 2013; and

Thursday, 9 May 2013.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 15:30 to 16:30)

Tuesday, 14 May 2013.

RSS feeds (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Friday, 17 May 2013.

Advanced research using subscription e-resources (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Tuesday, 21 May 2013

Security Council documentation (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 23 May 2013.

United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme

Member States are reminded that the deadline for submission of nominations to the 2013 Fellowship Programme is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013* (Note Verbale ODA/28-2013/FP dated 28 February 2013 refers). Nomination form and other attachments can be found at www.un.org/disarmament/fellowship/. Only one nomination per Member State may be submitted and should be addressed to: The Coordinator, United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services Programme, Office for Disarmament Affairs, United Nations Headquarters, Room S-3159, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Reports of the Secretary-General on disarmament items to be submitted to the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Tuesday, 30 April 2013*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for

consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Jenny Fuchs (fuchs@un.org).

Resolution 67/40, paras. 6 and 7, entitled "Relationship between disarmament and development", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/03-2013/D&D dated 18 March 2013 refers);

Resolution 67/49, paras. 2 and 4, entitled "Information on confidence building measures in the field of conventional arms", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note Verbale ODA/24-2013/ICBM dated 18 March 2013 refers); and

Resolution 67/62, para. 3, entitled "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/23-2013/CAC dated 18 March 2013 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would also be grateful to receive, on-line through www.un.org/disarmament/convarms/Milex/, by *Tuesday, 30 April 2013* the information relevant to Resolution 66/20, paras. 2 and 10 (a) and (b), entitled "Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures", adopted on 2 December 2011 (Note verbale ODA/06-2013/OIMM dated 18 March 2013 refers).

The Office for Disarmament Affairs would be grateful if Member States could communicate to the Office, in hard copy and electronic version (word format), the relevant data and information, pursuant to the General Assembly resolutions indicated below, by *Wednesday, 15 May 2013*, so as to facilitate issuance of the reports in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session. Provision of the submission in Microsoft word format *is required*. Kindly send the electronic version to Ms. Charlotte Laut Hernandez (fmct@unog.ch).

Resolution 67/53, para. 2, entitled "Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices", adopted on 3 December 2012 (Note verbale ODA/14-2013/FMCT dated 31 January 2013 refers).

2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, Bangkok, Thailand

Applications for the 2013 United Nations Regional Course in International Law, scheduled to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from Monday, 4, to Friday, 29 November 2013, are now being accepted from candidates from Member States of the United Nations which are also members of the regional group of Asia-Pacific States (and from Kiribati). The deadline for applications is *Tuesday, 30 April 2013*.

The Regional Course will be conducted in English. For further information, including applications forms, please consult the Regional Course website at the following address: www.un.org/law/rcil/asia; or contact the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail rcil-asia@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2013:

Second Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (28 May 2013), to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances (*click here* for general information);

Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families (30 May 2013), to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (*click here* for general information); and

Twenty-fifth Meeting of States Parties to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination will meet (3 June 2013), to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (*click here* for general information).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than one week before the meeting*.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the New York Office of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Attn: Ms. Sheilah Trotta (e-mail trotta@un.org; room S-1308)). For any clarifications on these elections, please contact Mr. James Turpin, OHCHR (e-mail turpin@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-3292).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 19 April 2013

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission
2013 substantive session

334th meeting *Committee of the Whole*

Report of the Disarmament Commission to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session [item 6]

The Chair made a statement.

The Committee of the Whole discussed the reports of Working Groups I (A/CN.10/2013/CRP.3) and II (A/CN.10/2013/CRP.4), and the draft report of the Disarmament Commission (A/CN.10/2013/CRP.2).

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, Mexico, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, China, Austria, France, Egypt and Nigeria.

The Secretary of the Commission made a statement.

The Committee of the Whole adopted the three reports, as contained in documents A/CN.10/2013/CRP.2 and A/CN.10/2013/CRP.3, as orally revised, and in document A/CN.10/2013/CRP.4.

335th meeting — *Plenary*

The Chair made a statement.

The Chairs of Working Groups I and II introduced the reports of the Working Groups, as contained in documents A/CN.10/2013/CRP.3 and A/CN.10/2013/CRP.4, respectively.

The Commission adopted the reports of Working Groups I and II, as orally revised.

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Commission, as contained in document A/CN.10/2013/CRP.2, and made oral revisions to the report.

A statement was made by the representative of Algeria.

The Secretary of the Commission made a statement.

The Commission adopted its draft report (A/CN.10/2013/CRP.2), as orally revised.

The Chair made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group), Ireland (on behalf of the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement) and Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group).

The Chair declared closed the 2013 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission.

Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
Second session

5th meeting — *Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals* [item 3]

The Co-Chair (Kenya) opened the meeting.

The Open Working Group held an interactive exchange of views on poverty eradication, in which statements were made by the delegations of Fiji (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Benin (on behalf of the Group of Least Developed Countries), the European Union, Ireland (also on behalf of Denmark and Norway), Nauru (also on behalf of Palau and Papua New Guinea), Canada (also on behalf of Israel and the United States), Ghana (on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)), Brazil (also on behalf of Nicaragua), Croatia (also on behalf of Bulgaria), Singapore (also on behalf of Cyprus and the United Arab Emirates), Colombia (also on behalf of Guatemala), the United Kingdom (also on behalf of Australia and the Netherlands), Viet Nam (also on behalf of Bhutan and Thailand), Italy (also on behalf of Spain and

Turkey), Indonesia (also on behalf of China and Kazakhstan), Poland (also on behalf of Romania), Pakistan (also on behalf of India and Sri Lanka), Ecuador (also on behalf of Argentina and Bolivia (Plurinational State of)), Japan, Liechtenstein, the Russian Federation, Honduras, Guyana (also on behalf of Haiti and Trinidad and Tobago), Slovenia (also on behalf of Montenegro), Nepal, Cuba, Morocco, Bangladesh and Mexico, as well as by the delegations of the following major groups: non-governmental organizations; local authorities; and children and youth.

6th meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, relating to a proposal for sustainable development goals [item 3]

The Co-Chair (Hungary) opened the meeting.

The Open Working Group concluded its interactive exchange of views on poverty eradication, in which statements were made by the delegations of India, Haiti and Paraguay.

A statement was also made by the observer of the Holy See.

Statements were also made by the observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, as well as by the delegation of the major group of women.

Summary of the discussions

The Co-Chair (Hungary) summarized the discussions.

Other organizational matters

The Co-Chairs (Hungary and Kenya) introduced the draft programme of work.

Statements were made by the representatives of Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Italy (also on behalf of Spain and Turkey), Peru (also on behalf of Mexico), Argentina (also on behalf of Bolivia (Plurinational State of) and Ecuador), Guatemala (also on behalf of Colombia), Bulgaria (also on behalf of Croatia), the United States (also on behalf of Canada and Israel), Viet Nam (also on behalf of Bhutan and Thailand), Poland (also on behalf of Romania), Australia (also on behalf of the Netherlands and the United Kingdom), Ireland (also on behalf of Denmark and Norway), the United Arab Emirates (also on behalf of Cyprus and Singapore), Belarus (also on behalf of Serbia), India, Egypt, Nicaragua (also on behalf of Brazil), Indonesia (also on behalf of China and Kazakhstan), Zambia (also on behalf of Zimbabwe), Barbados (also on behalf of the Bahamas), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Papua New Guinea (also on behalf of Nauru and Palau), Pakistan, Japan, Slovenia (also on behalf of Montenegro), Iraq, Nigeria, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Libya, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Lebanon and the Russian Federation.

The Co-Chair (Kenya) made a statement.

Statements were made the representatives of Nigeria, Ecuador, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.

The Co-Chair (Hungary) declared the second session of the Open Working Group closed.

Summary of official meetings held away from Headquarters

Thursday, 18 April 2013

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Tenth session
Istanbul, Turkey

Parallel Working Groups

10th meeting — The summary of the 10th meeting of the parallel Working Groups will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2013/77).

Plenary meeting

13th meeting — The summary of the 13th meeting of the tenth session of the Forum will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2013/77).

Friday, 19 April 2013

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Forum on Forests
Tenth session
Istanbul, Turkey

14th and 15th meetings — The summary of the 14th and 15th meetings of the tenth session of the Forum will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2013/77).

United Nations Forum on Forests
Eleventh session
Istanbul, Turkey

1st meeting — The summary of the 1st meeting of the eleventh session of the Forum will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2013/77).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Accession: Latvia (19 April 2013)

Arms Trade Treaty
(New York, 2 April 2013)

Opening for signature

The Arms Trade Treaty was adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 67/234B of 2 April 2013.

In accordance with its article 21, the Treaty shall be open for signature at the United Nations Headquarters in New York by all States from Monday, 3 June 2013, until its entry into force.

Certified true copies of the Treaty, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are under preparation. Electronic copies of the Treaty will be made available soon on the United Nations Treaty Collection website (*click here*).

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign the Treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Treaty could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations Headquarters (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection.

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *April 2013* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Democratic Republic of the Congo

His Excellency Ignace Gata Mavita wa Lufuta

Asia-Pacific States:

Samoa
His Excellency Ali'ioaiga Feturi Elisaia

Eastern European States:

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
His Excellency Pajo Avirovikj

Latin American and Caribbean States:

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
His Excellency Camillo Gonsalves

Western European and other States:

France
His Excellency Gérard Araud

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (room S-2472; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258; fax 1 (917) 367-0406).

Web of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council www.un.org/en/sc/.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room SA-1B12).

Emergency information and updates

Emergency information and updates can be obtained on the United Nations Headquarters Emergency Information website at https://delegateinfo.un.int. The website also offers the option of subscription to e-mail alerts. In addition, a hotline number for updates during weather emergencies or other urgent situations can be accessed by calling 1 (212) 963-9800.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly contained in document A/67/251. Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be also sent to gaab@un.org or dpu-dgacm@un.org, so as to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

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Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the e-subscription page at http://undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available.

Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: www.un.org/en/documents/journal.asp and www.un.org/fr/documents/journal.asp.

Kindly take note that the English and French versions of the *Journal* are accessible to blind and visually impaired users via screen readers.

All comments and suggestions about the *Journal* are welcome. Kindly contact the office of the *Journal* at journal@un.org.

Touch screen information kiosks

The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) invites delegations and staff to use the two touch screen information kiosks located in the North Lawn Building to access the official meeting schedule, the *Journal of the United Nations*, the Delegates' Handbook, the Blue Book and the United Nations Staff Yellow Pages, as well as Headquarters and Conference Room Maps. These easy to use kiosks are located on the ground floor just after the First Avenue entrance security checkpoint and on the second floor next to the Café. DGACM welcomes feedback, questions or comments pertaining to the information kiosks, which can be addressed to dgacm-feedback@un.org.

Websites

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism
www.un.org/en/sc/ctc/

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)
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